

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claim 26. Currently amended claims are shown with additions underlined and deletions in ~~strike through text~~. No new matter is added by this amendment.

1. – 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A method of supplementing an experience of a visitor to a public space, the public space including a plurality of public space elements and information relating to the plurality of public space elements, the method comprising:

receiving an input relating to one of the plurality of public space elements from a visitor when a visitor is in the public space, the received input including a unique identifier associated with the visitor; and

receiving a request for supplemental information from the visitor when the visitor is outside of the public space; and

sending supplemental information to the visitor when the visitor is outside of the public space based on the received input and the received request.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 wherein said receiving an input includes receiving an electronic transmission from the visitor while the visitor is in the public space.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22 further comprising electronically transmitting selection information to the visitor while the visitor is in the public space and wherein said input is selected from the transmitted selection information

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein said input is one of a bookmark, a keystroke and a response to a query.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said input is one of a bookmark, a keystroke and a response to query.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said sending includes identifying supplemental information from an information database based on the received input; and

transmitting the identified supplemental information to the visitor via a data transmission network extending beyond the public space.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the transmitted supplemental information includes one or more links to additional supplemental information.

29. (Currently amended) A method for providing information about a public space element in a public space to a visitor after the visitor has left the public space, the method comprising:

transmitting electronically, within the public space, information about a plurality of public space elements, wherein the transmitted information includes selection information that designates one or more pieces of supplemental information about at least one of the plurality of public space elements;

receiving, within the public space, an electronic response to the transmitted information, said electronic response including visitor selection information associated with a piece of supplemental information from the one or more pieces of supplemental information and with address information related to the visitor;

receiving, from the visitor when the visitor is located outside of the public space, an electronic request for the piece of supplemental information

retrieving the piece of supplemental information ~~related to one of the plurality of public space elements~~ in response to the received electronic ~~response~~ request; and

sending electronically the retrieved piece of supplemental information to a communications network extending beyond the public space using the address information related to the visitor supplying selection information.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29 wherein the electronic response includes one of a bookmark, a keystroke and a response to a query.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29 wherein the transmitted information includes audio content relating to the public space element.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the transmitted information further includes text content relating to the public space element.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29 wherein said selection information comprises text content.

34. (Currently amended) A system ~~providing~~ configured to provide information about one or more elements in a public space to a visitor to the public space after the visitor has left the public space, comprising;

a portable selection device including a first transceiver,

an internal information transmission system including a second transceiver, said first and said second transceivers forming a bi-directional data path between said portable selection device and said internal information transmission system within the public space, the internal information transmission system being configured to receive an input from the portable selection device, the input including a unique identifier associated with the visitor and an identifier associated with an element within the public space;

a database in communication with said internal information transmission system, the database configured to include information associated with the element within the public space;
and

an external information transmission system ~~coupled to in communication with~~ said database and a data network external to the public space, said external information transmission system ~~responsive to a visitor information selection received from said portable selection device by said internal information transmission system and sending information selected~~ configured to

send the information included within the database from said database to the data network in response to the input received from the portable selection device and a request from the visitor when the visitor is outside of the public space.

35. (Previously presented) A method for supplying supplemental information about public space elements in a public space to a visitor after the visitor has left the public space, the method comprising:

- receiving an electronic request for first information about a public space element from a visitor in the public space;

- transmitting electronically said first information to the visitor in the public space;

- receiving an electronic supplemental information selection from the visitor in the public space;

- associating visitor identification information with said electronic supplemental information selection;

- receiving an electronic inquiry from the visitor after the visitor has left the public space;

- responding to said electronic inquiry with supplemental information selected based on the received electronic supplemental information selection associated with visitor identification information corresponding to the visitor from whom the electronic inquiry was received.

36. (Previously presented) A method of supplementing an experience of a visitor to a public space, comprising:

- receiving an electronic input relating to an element within the public space from a visitor while the visitor traverses the public space;

- associating the received input with identification information associated with the visitor;

- receiving an electronic request for additional information from the visitor after the visitor has left the public space, said electronic request including identification of the visitor;

- transmitting a response to said electronic request wherein said response is based, in part, on the received input associated with the identification information related to the visitor.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein said receiving includes receiving a wireless electronic signal generated from a portable handheld device that traverses the public space with the visitor.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37 wherein said receiving includes receiving the wireless electronic signal over a first network having transmission capabilities limited to the public space.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38 wherein said receiving said electronic request and said transmitting a response are executed over a second network different from said first network.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the received input comprises an electronic bookmark.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 wherein the public space is one from the group of a museum, a gallery or an exhibition.